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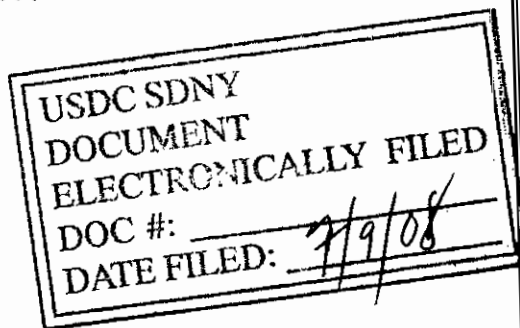
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July 8, 2008

**BY FACSIMILE**

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street, Room 1320  
New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Raphael Vargas,  
08 Cr. 37 (LAP)



Dear Judge Preska:

A pre-trial conference in the above-referenced matter is scheduled for July 14, 2008, at 4:30 p.m. However, there have been on-going discussions in this case regarding a possible disposition.

Accordingly, the parties jointly request that the pre-trial conference be postponed for approximately thirty days, and that time be excluded until then in order for the parties to continue their discussions. Howard Getz, Esq., counsel for Mr. Vargas, has no objection to this request.

*The conference is adjourned  
to August 12 at 9:00 am. Time  
is excluded from calculation  
under the Speedy Trial Act  
until that date in the  
interests of justice.*

Respectfully submitted,

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SO ORDERED

*Loretta A. Preska*  
LORETTA A. PRESKA  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

*July 8, 2008*